

ARMY OFFICER IN JAIL

Former Volunteer Gets Six Years in Prison.

\$40,000 WAS ALL THAT HE GOT.

Major Who Saw Service in the Philippines Convicted of Robbing a Bank That He Founded and of Passing Forged Notes.

(By Associated Press.)
 MANILA, Dec. 16.—H. B. Mulford, former major in the Thirty-eighth regiment, United States Volunteers, was sentenced to six years' imprisonment for embezzling funds of the American Bank. Mulford will appeal to the Supreme Court.
 Mulford was manager of the bank, which failed last May. The institution had been founded by him in 1902, after he retired from the service. Bank examiners in June found that Mulford had taken \$40,000 of the bank's funds and forged four promissory notes aggregating the amount with the names of Chinese merchants to cover the theft.

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WINGLESS BIRDS.

New Zealand Swarmed With Them Before Its Occupation by Man.
 For ages before its occupation by man New Zealand swarmed with great wingless birds, which found there no carnivorous enemies, but an abundance of vegetable food. The moas not only existed in vast numbers and for thousands of years, but had such diversity of form as to embrace no less than seven genera containing twenty-five species, a remarkable fact which is unparalleled in any other part of the world. The commonest kinds in the North Island were only from two and one-half to four feet high. Those of the South Island were mostly from four to six feet tall, while the giant forms, reaching twelve and thirteen feet, were always rare.
 Immense deposits of moa bones have been found in localities to which they appear to have been washed from the hills in tertiary times. Skeletons on the surface of the ground, with skin and ligaments still attached, have given the impression that these birds have been exterminated in very recent years, but other facts point to a different conclusion. Tradition seems to show, according to F. M. Hutten, that the moa became extinct in the North Island soon after the arrival of Maori's in New Zealand—that is, not less than 400 to 500 years ago, and in the South Island about 100 years later.
 The fresh appearing skin and ligaments are supposed to have been preserved by unusually favorable conditions.

CAT SUPERSTITIONS.

Queer Beliefs of People of Ancient Egypt Regarding Puss.
 The inhabitants of ancient Egypt are believed to have been the first people to attempt to domesticate the wild species of feline now represented by the common house cat. This belief is based upon the fact that sculptured representations of such animals are found upon their monuments of the year 2900 B. C., more than 1,200 years before they appear on European monuments. An Egyptian tomb of the year 1300 B. C. is the first to show a sculptured representation of the cat as a domesticated animal, those of the greater age first mentioned probably representing the creature in its wild state. In the relief sketch of the date last mentioned, 1300 B. C., it is unmistakably a pet, being shown as seated beneath a chair. The Egyptians of that age mummified dead cats just as they did human beings and in many instances entombed hundreds of thousands of them in a single pyramid or pit. Babastis was the Egyptian cat goddess and was always represented as having a cat's head. Among that queer people puss was regarded as an emblem of the sun, its eyes being supposed to vary in color and in the size of their pupils with the progress of that luminary across the heavens.
 Herodotus tells us that when an Egyptian cat died a natural death its owner went into mourning and shaved off his eyebrows.

Leaving and Thinness.

Sir Henry Irving was the first actor to make slenderness acceptable or tolerable on the English stage. He was very thin in his earlier middle age, and theater goers of that day wondered whether they could endure to see a long figure and legs, both unpadding. Until then fatness had been obligatory. It is difficult to realize now the full convention of chest and shoulders and calves. Comparatively lately a man of stage experience was urgent with a company of English amateurs that all the thin women and all the lean men should be made plump. "Nothing," he said, "is so impossible on the stage as thinness." Irving changed all this because his genius was wedded to uncompromising thinness.

Denmark Claims Nelson.

The Danes maintain that Admiral Nelson was one of their race, despite the fact that he was born in England. They point out that the name is Danish and that many Danes were settlers in East Anglia. They consoled themselves over their defeat at the battle of Copenhagen with the thought that the victor was one of their own race. At least one Scandinavian historian refers to his family as "one of the most brilliant examples of noble English families descended from the Northmen."

Discouraging.

At the close of an address during an electioneering campaign in Ireland questions were invited. A man was making for the platform when he received a whack over the head with a stick. He was stunned and had to be carried out amid an uproar. When order was restored the chairman rose and blandly asked:
 "Is there any other gentleman who would like to ask a question?"
 Needless to say, there was not.

Curiosity.

Irate Parent (who has been trying to satisfy John's curiosity on every known subject under the sun)—Now, Johnnie, if you ask me another question I'll whip you on the spot. Johnnie (whose undying curiosity overcomes even the dread of punishment)—Wh-wh-what spot, papa?

His Advantage.

First Man—How do you do? Second Man—Beg pardon, but you have the advantage of me. First Man—Yes, I guess I have. We were engaged to the same girl, but you married her.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

All affections of knowledge are more odious than any lack of knowledge can be.—Sprat

RIVAL FOR LAWSON PINK.

Queen Beatrice Rose, That Has Been Sold For \$30,000.
 The Lawson pink has a rival, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Another \$50,000 flower has come upon the market. It is a new rose originated by a Washington gardener and sold by him to a florist for the same price Thomas W. Lawson once paid for the famous carnation.
 This flower, believed by expert florists to be the finest rose ever grown, has been named by the purchaser Queen Beatrice. A cross between the Liberty and Mme. Chateaux, both hybrid teas, it is classed by its owner as a tea. The former is one of the most popular crimson varieties, but it is uncertain in the production of perfect blooms. Queen Beatrice has none of the faults of its parents and combines all of their good qualities. It is resistant to insect and mildew attacks and capable of forcing on the hothouse bench.
 It will produce, according to the originator, four blooms to one of Bridesmaid—a thrifty bloomer—so that the cut flower dealers will have a valuable asset in the Queen Beatrice. Its color is a peculiar shade of pink, with a touch of crimson when in the bud. None of the beauty of its coloring is destroyed either in natural or artificial light. Added to this, its fragrance is believed to be equal to if not superior to that of the American Beauty, as it grows on long, straight and sturdy stems from two to three feet long, well filled out with leaves up to within six inches of the flower.
 The Queen Beatrice was originated by Peter Bissett, the head gardener of Mrs. Gardner Hubbard, the widow of the late Gardner Hubbard, at one time president of the National Geographic society. The new rose was originated about a year ago at her suburban residence known as Twin Oaks, just outside of the national capital. Representatives of the leading florists of the country have made pilgrimages to Washington for nearly a year in an endeavor to procure this flower, and many tempting offers were made for it, but it remained for Florist F. H. Kramer to obtain the prize for \$30,000.

HAPPIEST OF NATIONS.

Moscow University Professor's Verdict on Americans.
 Professor Wegener of Moscow university, who passed through Berlin on his way home, has given friends in Berlin his impressions of his recent visit to America, says a special Berlin cable dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald. He says Americans ought to be the happiest people on earth, for they have the most beautiful and fertile country in the world, the most gifted and beautiful women and presiding over their government the greatest ruler in the world.
 Professor Wegener says he is convinced that in the future when Russia had settled down no country will influence her so powerfully as America. "The young men and women will look to the United States for inspiration," he says. "Colossal trading connections which in time will spring up between the two countries will cement them still closer." He looks for a time in the near future when American money will be the chief agent in developing Russian resources.

CURE FOR MANY ILLS.

Apple Tea the Latest Fad in Vogue Among the English.
 Said to be a cure for many ills of the body, from gout to indigestion, apple tea is quite the latest thing in beverages in England, says a special London cable dispatch to the Cincinnati Enquirer.
 It is a substitute for tea, coffee and cocoa and is the discovery of Professor Ebbard, an eminent German doctor. Apple tea is made in Germany from a particular sort of apple which will grow only in certain soil. The peel, which possesses such nourishing qualities, with about half an inch of pulp attached, is used. The pips are also used and are slowly dried according to a certain process which effectually prevents mildew or rot, and when finished appear like bits of cork.
 Apple tea is made in the same way as ordinary tea, and in flavor and color very much resembles good Chinese Hyson tea.

BIG FLOATING BARN.

Lumbermen Will Take Unique Craft to Camps.
 A novel sort of barn has recently been constructed at Beardstown, Ill., for a firm of lumbermen, says a Beardstown special dispatch to the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.
 It is a floating barn, for use in the logging camps, where it always has been a hard matter to provide suitable protection for horses during the cold weather.
 It is constructed like a barge and has stalls for twelve horses, room for thirty tons of hay and grain and room for men in charge. The barn can be moved about in the river bottoms where logging camps are located.

Fairest Christmas Gift.

If I were Santa Claus I know
 What I would give to every boy
 And every little maiden, Oh,
 It would not be a painted toy,
 It would not be a blushing doll,
 Nor any sugared thing to eat,
 The same gift I would give to all
 And deem the giving sweet.
 If I were Santa Claus and might
 To each child give the gift I chose,
 The world would glow with new delight,
 And love the dearest of its woes,
 For I would give to every boy
 And every maiden I could find
 The grace to gain unbounded joy
 Through merely being kind.
 —E. B. Kiser in Chicago Record-Herald.

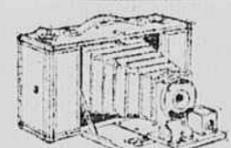
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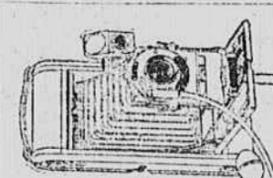


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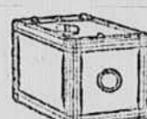
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